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OH, NO! IT DID NOT "INCREASE" HER TAXES!

That New Order of the Gops to Assess All Real Estate at Its Full Value

But Mrs. Katie French Paid Over Two Hundred Per Cent More Just the Same

Mr. Buchanan county farmer, your taxes are due at the court house, and Collector Srite is there to collect them.

You have been told by the gop county court and by the gop state tax commission that there is virtually no increase in the amount of your taxation, despite the fact that the gop state board which makes up your tax has assessed your real estate at its full value, and told you that it would be equalized and your tax not raised through the fact that your levy WOULD BE LOWERED.

Was a Campaign Issue

So insistent were the democrats that this procedure would swell the taxes of each farmer to such an extent that he could not afford to pay it, that a campaign issue was made of it—but the gops, both state and county, talked so "braggingly" and so convincingly, and berated the Wilson administration so soundly and causelessly that hundreds of Buchanan county farmers felt for this sophistry and as a result voted the gop ticket—and to their own undoing. They voted for just what they get now when they walk up to Collector Srite's window and ask for the amount of their real estate tax—they'll GET IT.

The Mrs. French Example

Now let us just look into the matter just a little. Mrs. Katie French, wife of Dr. J. A. French, who is known to almost every person in the county, paid her real estate tax to Collector Srite Wednesday.

Mrs. French owns the 18 acre tract north of the Vev place on the Savannah Interurban, just this side of the Andrew county line. On this tract there is an ordinary brick house and that is about all of the improvements that there is. Keep it in mind that the REAL ESTATE TAX is what she paid on this 18 acre tract. This tract is the northeast quarter of Sec. 28, Twp. 58 and Range 35—and you can look it up.

In 1918 the Democrats were in control in both state and county. That year Mrs. French paid a total tax on this tract of \$61.59.

Then It Started

In 1919 the state was still democratic, but the county court was REPUBLICAN and she paid a tax of \$88 on this same tract.

In 1920 the county court was still REPUBLICAN and the state DEMOCRATIC, but the county added on to her tax on that same tract until she paid \$105.60.

And then came the grand finale—the cap shear—when in 1920 the gops with their tax reduction talk; their abuse of Wilson; their promise of good times to all of the people—farmers especially—swept everything before them in nation, state and county and assumed FULL CONTROL OF EVERYTHING—which they still have—

On Wednesday Mrs. Katie French paid her real estate tax that before mentioned 18 acres—the northwest quarter of Sec. 28, Twp. 58, Range 35—and it was \$198.01—an increase of over 200 PER CENT—

When you come to pay your real estate tax, Mr. Buchanan county farmer, BRING YOUR 1920 TAX RECEIPT with you. It may amuse you—though probably not.

WAS A FAILURE

Yeggmen Knock the Combination From the Morris Bank Vault But Got No Further.

When the manager opened the doors at the Morris Bank Tuesday morning, he took a look around and then sent for the directors. Burglars had visited the institution, and while they failed in their undertaking, yet they gave the directors something to think about.

The yeggmen had climbed in over a transom and once inside had knocked off the combination to the vault and badly battered the lock in trying to force it open, but got nowhere. They caused the bank some loss for fixing up the vault, but that is about all. There was considerable money

STILL THEY OBJECT

Frederick Avenue Objectors Do Not Want to Pave at Reduced Figures.

On Monday the board of public works was given a bid of \$5.47 the square yard for asphalt paving, 75 cents a foot for new curbing and 40 cents for resetting old curbing, by the Metropolitan Paving Co. for Frederick Avenue, Eighth to Seventeenth street, which is below the estimate of the city engineer and therefore eligible for acceptance.

Mayor Marshall and the other city officials who are so anxious to pave that thoroughfare were highly elated, thinking their troubles were over, but on Tuesday Attorney L. J. Eastin, representing Louis H. Cox, William Welpert and Mrs. L. W. Bertram, who are still objecting, filed formal objections with the board alleging a number of reasons why the work could not be done under present conditions—and all is chaos again.

REILLY BROUGHT THE \$300

He Had Held It Under Instructions From County Attorney Randolph.

There was a surprised crowd at the court house Monday afternoon after Attorney Barney E. Reilly came out of the grand jury room where he testified relative to that mysterious \$300 which had earlier been so much in evidence in the alleged lake hoodluming case.

It is claimed that the day following Kueker's receipt of \$300 from the festival association, Kueker returned the money to Becker. Reilly was, according to his story, asked by Randolph to go to Becker's office, get the \$300 and bring it to him. When he did so Randolph took the money and immediately handed it back to Reilly with the remark: "Now I'll give it back to you as evidence. Keep it," which Reilly says he did, and which explains why he held it until Thursday when he turned it over to Circuit Clerk Emmett Crouse, on orders.

SURE—THEY'LL GET "CHUMMY"

A delegation of Chamber of Commerce men of Kansas City headed by President Edwin O. Faeth were the guests of the Commerce Club here on Wednesday. In his address President Faeth advocated a closer relation with St. Joseph and claimed that all of the interests of both places were identical. Some of the St. Joseph guests agreed with him and promised co-operation. This doctrine is good if carried out, but in every instance for the past twenty years where interests were "identical" Kansas City has always grabbed all of the interest.

TO CONNECT UP THE PARKS

At the council meeting last night ordinances were to be introduced for the northwestern extension which will complete the park and drive scheme from Hyde to Krug Park. It will contain between seventy and eighty acres and the most is heavily timbered. The certification of the result of the referendum election was also made and the courts will be asked at once to pass the condemnation matter so that commissioners may be appointed to appraise the land condemned and push the propositions forward.

TO LEARN PUBLIC SENTIMENT

An important meeting to the people of St. Joseph will be held at the city hall at 8 o'clock Tuesday night to which every person in the city is invited by the members of the council to be present and take part. The meeting is called for the purpose of testing out the sentiment of the people as to the advisability of holding another bond election at once to finance improvements that are needed. A record breaking attendance is expected.

In the vault, but it was never in danger from the "talent" which broke in Monday night.

"JITNEY BUS" NO GOOD

Newspapers of the Country Show That the Service Is Not Sufficient.

St. Joseph narrowly escaped a seige of "jitney bus" inadequacy through the pique and short-sighted policy of some of its officials, and Des Moines fell the victim—and that city is now in dire transportation straits and turning every wheel to get its street car system to resume even at an 8 cent fare. Newspapers of the country are now giving wide publicity to the inadequacy of jitney service, and among them are found the following: The Peoria Transcript says:

"The cheapest type of jitney bus is a five or six-passenger machine costing \$600 to \$700. It skims the cream of the short haul traffic and leaves the street when business is unprofitable. The traction company, on the other hand, is forced to make a heavy investment in power generation and distribution, trackage, car houses, cars, repair shops and right of way, and usually operates under an ordinance which obligates it to build unprofitable extensions, operate its cars at all hours of day and most of the night, maintain its right of way, clean a portion of the streets traveled by its cars and pay licenses in addition to city, county and state taxes. It is also under definite liability for injuries to persons and damage to property."

The Decatur (Ill.) Review says in discussing the Des Moines situation as related to the problem of Decatur:

"As a result of the agitation and of the unlicensed competition which was permitted (in Des Moines), street car fares rose to eight cents there and the service then suspended, but even at that rate the people are clamoring for their return. Business men report a falling off in business of 40 per cent. The irregular, irresponsible, inadequate service of the busses has wholly failed to meet the situation. The street car business is not one of demagoguery, of politics, of noise. It is a matter of business. Mayor Borchers has, as he said, common sense enough to see that double tracks, extensions, new equipment, increased and better service cannot be taken from the air by simply waving a wand. These cost money. Investors must furnish that money. They must see that they have a reasonable chance for a return on the investment they are asked to make before they make it. There is nothing mysterious about it. It is business, that's all. The business of selling service, and every business, is founded on investment with expectation of a fair return."

The Rockford (Ill.) Star, after taking a vote of citizens relative to efforts of a bus company to supplant the local street railway company, says:

"Without further ado the city council and mayor should act in the city transportation matter. Give the street car company a franchise which will enable it to sell its securities as best it may and provide for bus service, either as feeders for the street car lines, or an independent bus system which will care for the outlying or inconvenient section.

"Public sentiment has crystallized on that subject. Before the sentiment of its readers was tested out. The Star believed there was more opposition to the street car service than there is. It had seemed that bus service had made more of an impression upon the people than it has. Expressions of opinion, from all parts of the city, from people in all kinds of employment, have shown clearly in favor of retention of the street cars. In the beginning of the discussion it was stated that it was an economic question from which city politics should be barred. That is more and more evident."

CAPT. JOHN DUNCAN'S FATHER DEAD

At the home of his daughter where he had lived for many years, on Sunday, C. C. Duncan, the father of Capt. John Duncan of the St. Joseph police force, passed away. The funeral occurred Wednesday at the Baptist church in Troy and interment was in Troy cemetery. The services were very largely attended. The deceased was born in Hardin County, Kentucky, Nov. 7, 1833, and located in Kansas when a young man. He had lived on a farm near Troy until twelve years ago, when he removed to Troy. He was a widower and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Van Tindell, St. Joseph, and by five sons, Frank and David Duncan, Troy; Victor Duncan, Kansas City; Am Duncan, who lives on the Sparta road, and Capt. John Duncan.

THE ROCK ON WHICH IT IS SPLITTING

IS THE FISCAL POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION NOW IN FORMATION

IS IS THE THORN IN THE SIDE OF ITS MAKERS

As An Instance of the Favoritism Shown It Is Not Necessary to Refer to the Surtax Reduction of the Rich Which Is Shown to be Thirty-three Times Greater for Them Than It Is to the Other Classes of Income Tax Payers.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—(Special Correspondence.)—The fiscal policy of this administration is the rock upon which the Republican party is splitting in Congress and upon which it will split throughout the nation if the administration plans are carried out.

The word "policy" is used figuratively, for the proposed procedure in matters of taxation particularly, involves no policy that includes either the principles of finance or economics. Scheme is the better word, for it amounts solely to a scheme to relieve profiteering corporations of a just tax and shift that burden unjustly upon the already overburdened small taxpayer, including the smaller corporations.

This split among Republicans in the Senate is so much in view that even the president's Washington newspaper mouthpiece is compelled to take note of it. After citing a proposed coalition between the Progressive Republicans and Democrats on the tax bill and the alleged plan of the Democrats to vote for a sales tax amendment and then vote against the bill in company with Republicans opposed to the sales tax, the Washington Post says:

"Either horn of the dilemma threatens disaster to the Republican party, in whose ranks the split of discord is daily growing wider. The

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"ORMY" IS RATTLED

He Wanted to Withdraw His Illegal Automobile Account But Failed.

That fellow T. N. Ormiston, who is Gov. Hyde's state coal oil inspector, tried to emulate the work of his chief in palming off illegitimate expense accounts on the state, but slipped a cog. When the expose of the big chief's came, "Ormy" who had already filed his illegal account got scared and tried to withdraw it, but Auditor Hackmann refused and held on to it. Then Hackmann made the account public and that made "Ormy" more sore and he charged that Hackmann called attention of newspapermen to it.

The expense account of Ormiston is for a total of \$139.35, including a daily charge of from \$15 to \$30 for the use of his Buick automobile. While the amount has not been rejected it is understood the auditor will refuse to allow traveling expenses for Ormiston which averaged \$17 a day.

The account filed by Ormiston shows that he made a trip to Chamois on Sept. 6, for which he seeks to collect \$15 from the state for the use of his car. The railroad fare to Chamois is 99 cents.

The trip which has caused the auditor greater concern started Sept. 9 when Ormiston left Jefferson City for Sedalia. The charges for the automobile was \$15. From Sedalia to Warrensburg an extra \$5 was added. September 10 he left Warrensburg for Humansville and tacked on another \$15 for the car. \$15 was charged for the trip from Humansville to Springfield. From Springfield to Eldon on September 13 the charge for the car ran up to \$25. From Eldon to Jefferson City it was \$5. The total expense for the five days was \$62.25.

Ormiston is reported to be quite sore at Hackmann because the account was not allowed and it is said that he is missing no chance to give the auditor a black eye.

IRVIN SMITH SHOTS JOHN MILLER

When the two became involved in a scuffle over a cigarette which they found on the river bank north of the Francis street spot Thursday, a rifle in the hands of Irvin Smith, 13 years old, was discharged, the bullet entering the stomach of John Miller, 18 years of age, producing a very dangerous wound.

PARSHALL TO BE MARSHAL

It Is Now Said That the Internal Revenue and Marshalship Are Settled.

It may be true—for this time it comes with more directness—that the internal revenue collectorship and the federal marshalship for the Western district of Missouri of which St. Joseph is the real center, has been agreed upon by the gops who have been quarreling over it for a year, and that this time there will be appointments. The following dispatch from Washington is the authority, and says: "L. K. Parrshall of Lathrop, a traveling man, will be the United States marshal at Kansas City, and Noah Crooks of Unionville, will be made collector of internal revenue, it was practically certain last night.

"The controversy over these two offices has been holding up the Missouri patronage slate. Walter S. Dickey insisted Parrshall be named marshal. In turn, Senator Spencer insisted Crooks have the place. Neither republican would back down, and the situation has stood in a deadlock for several weeks. A great deal of personal pride entered into the equation on either side. Along with Dickey, Jacob L. Buhler, national committeeman, and others of that faction, have been for Parrshall.

"Still further complicating the situation, a tentative understanding had existed that Frank M. Peck of Kansas City was to be collector of internal revenue. Peck had subscribed to the Harding pre-convention fund and was backed by E. Mont Reilly, now governor of Porto Rico. Apparently Peck is to lose out for the present all around. For it became known today that Crooks would be given the collectorship as compensation for losing out on the marshalship. At least that was the information in usually well informed circles.

"Apparently Senator Spencer has not carried his position again, and Dickey and Buhler have; for up to now the senator has insisted on the marshalship. He gets for his candidate a position 'equally good,' but it is known that Dickey had insisted on the marshalship and nothing else for his man. And his candidate now gets it. Parrshall is an employee of Mr. Dickey and has been active in politics for many years with him.

"W. H. Allen of Clinton, now register of the land bank at St. Louis, will be named state prohibition director. He was satisfactory to both Spencer and Buhler.

"Arch Hollenbeck, of West Plains, a Spencer candidate, will get Allen's place. The supposed agreement on the Kansas City offices will wind up the slate."

"WE'LL LET IT PASS—WE HAVE PULLED ITS TEETH"

THAT IS WHAT THE CHIEF ATTORNEY FOR THE PACKERS SAID

WHEN THE CONTROL ACT WAS BEFORE CONGRESS

This is the history of Present Day Legislation When Honest Republican Legislators Find Out That There Is a Power in Washington That Is Greater Than They and That Their Legislative Efforts Must Bear This Power's Approval or be Killed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13.—(Special News Correspondence.)—It looks now as if the Republican organization in the senate has narrowly escaped a split of such seriousness as to threaten the disruption of the party in the nation. The matter has been patched up and the evil day postponed, but those who consider the fundamental differences between the Republican senatorial group of the West and the senate bosses of the East, feel that the inevitable cleavage between those divergent interests cannot be far off. It is the old, old contest between those who owe their seats to the people and have to depend on the votes of the people and those who receive their commissions at the hands of the political bosses, who in turn are financed by predatory wealth.

Republican high politics was in a critical state to cause Senator Lodge, the New England Brahmin, to go to the home of Senator Capper, where a score of Western republicans—La Follette, Borah, McNary, Norris, and the rest of the so-called "Agricultural Bloc"—full of fight, were ready to join the Democrats if necessary to

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SENATOR REED'S TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN MOTHER

AN ELOQUENT PLEA BY THE MISSOURIAN THAT SHE BE LEFT ALONE

AND NOT HAVE MATERNITY BOARD CONTROL HER

In Words That Thrill and Impress Missouri's Senior Senator Denounces the Lobby That Is Trying to Foist On the Country Another Expensive Bureau About Whose Only Function Will Be For Unmarried Women to Tell Married Ones How to Raise Babies and For This Information to Draw Fat Salaries.

There may be still a few people in this section of Missouri—but they are but few—who now are not friendly to United States Senator James A. Reed, but be that as it may there is neither friend or foe in all Missouri, but that recognizes his wonderful ability and his magnetic power. In the senate he is recognized as the greatest orator of that body and one of its most formidable debaters—for he who goes up against the senior Missouri senator in debate always comes out the worse for the encounter. Senator Reed recognizes the right of any and every person to disagree with him, and he respects that right, but woe unto him who assumes to dispute the facts with that great debater—for the would-be antagonist never gets, figuratively speaking, half way to first base.

In the "child welfare bill," which is yet pending in Congress, Senator Reed took a leading part in combatting a useless governmental expenditure, and the creation of another unneeded bureau with an army of high paid as-

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OBSERVE ARMISTICE DAY

Mayor Marshall Names a Committee to Arrange to Make It a Lively One.

Mayor Marshall has decided that the coming Armistice Day, Nov. 11, shall be more memorable than the last and with that end in view on Thursday named a committee made up of nearly a hundred, and which met yesterday afternoon in the council chamber at the city hall, and started the ball to rolling.

The committee which is headed by Gen. A. L. Smith, Col. J. H. McCord, Col. John D. McNeely, Col. Clay C. Macdonald and Col. R. M. Barton, is made up entirely of members of Jack Schneider Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Malcomb Macdonald and Ross Dugger Posts, American Legion; the Navy Club, and women who served overseas. There will be nothing left undone.

DEATH CLAIMED GEORGE P. DORAN

While he waited for his son, Arthur B. Doran, at Fifth and Edmond streets Wednesday afternoon, George P. Doran, who for a number of years has been sexton at Mt. Auburn cemetery, was stricken with apoplexy, and falling, was dead when picked up. He was 63 years of age and one of the most respected men of this community. He is survived by his wife, the son, Arthur B. Doran of Washington, D. C., and a daughter, Mrs. Arthur McNeely of this city. The funeral occurred yesterday, and was largely attended.

STOLE E. M. WATSON'S TEETH

Both upper and lower sets of false teeth of E. M. Watson, 608 Dewey Avenue, had disappeared when Mr. Watson awoke Wednesday morning, an enterprising burglar having captured them. He also lost \$100 in money and his watch and other articles. His son-in-law, Oscar Reimer, lost \$85 in cash, a shot gun, two watches, and other articles. Rose King, a neighbor, was also robbed by the same thief.

GOLF CHAMPIONS ARE AT WORK

The first annual golf tournament on the Country Club grounds is now on, and will be completed by tonight. There are over a hundred of the greatest players of the country here and showing their skill on the links. The prizes aggregate \$2500. A dinner at the Country Club tonight will close the tournament.

BURLEIGH HUNTING WORK

The Youngest Soldier in the World War Who Went From This City.

Raymond Burleigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burleigh, the father at the time of the world's war being in charge of the Basket Stores in St. Joseph, was the youngest soldier to enlist of all of the vast army of young men who rallied to the defense of their country. He is now in Omaha, and it does not seem that he has had much success in securing a position, according to the following story in the Omaha World-Herald of Saturday, which says:

"Raymond Burleigh, 'youngest tank' in the world war, who enlisted at the age of 11, and saw many months of service at the front in France, is in Omaha looking for work. Burleigh is 16 years old now, stands six feet tall and has the face and development of a man several years older. He was married shortly after his return to the country last year to a girl in Lincoln, the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Burleigh.

"I haven't been able to find a steady job since my return last fall, although I have worked periodically at temporary positions. What I want is permanent work," said young Burleigh.

"He is staying at the Y. M. C. A."

AND BROTHER-IN-LAW, TOO

Gov. Hyde Not Satisfied With Giving His Brother Place Also Cares for Glenn.

Brown Glenn, a wealthy young farmer of Boone county and a brother-in-law of Gov. Arthur M. Hyde, has been appointed to a \$250-a-month berth in the state department of agriculture, it was learned Saturday.

The discovery that Glenn is on the payroll follows close on the heels of the appointment by Governor Hyde of Brother Ben Hyde of Kansas City as state superintendent of insurance at \$3,000 a year.

In the campaign last year the governor called attention to nepotism being practiced in previous administrations and severely condemned it. A few days ago a prominent Republican of St. Louis declared that Governor Hyde "as a nepotist made the administration of former Governor Major look like a pikar."

The investigation in the department of agriculture showed that Glenn was placed on the payroll September 1 and that his appointment carries with it one of the best salaries paid to employees of the state in minor positions. The salary is equal to that of the secretary of the state board of agriculture.

MRS. ELIZA PINGER IS CALLED

Mrs. Eliza F. Pinger, who for eighty-two years—the principal portion of which were spent here—had remained on this earth, was called to her reward at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, the summons coming to her at the home of her son, John C. Pinger, a well known letter carrier, of 3101 Edmond street. Her death resulted from old age and was not expected. She was the widow of the late Col. John Pinger, one of St. Joseph's best known early residents, whom she married in 1840 in Cincinnati, Ohio, removing to this city shortly after, where she had since resided. She was a woman beloved by all who knew her. She is survived by her three sons, John C. of this city, Ben C. also of St. Joseph, and David N. of Kansas City. The funeral occurred Wednesday afternoon from her late home, conducted by Rev. Robert Porter.

THE INVASION OF FERTILE KANSAS

Eighteen fully loaded cars, the occupants being among the best business and professional men of the city, went to Kansas yesterday on the St. Joseph Automobile Club's sociability run. The start was made at 8 o'clock and the towns and cities of Watheba, Troy, Doniphan, Atchison, Huron, Baker, Biwabata, Hi-land, Severance, Denton, Horton and Bendena were visited, in each of which the trippers gave a good account of themselves. Dinner was served at Horton.

DIVORCE MILL IS STILL GRINDING

The divorce mill is still grinding at the court house, all three divisions of the court having ground out their quota this week. So far this term over one hundred decrees have been granted, the principal portion of which are very young people—those who felt the glamour and soon were left the dupes.